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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Special Activities  
SUBJECT : U-2R Production Aircraft Configuration Shortages

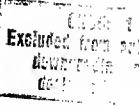
1. Discussion of subject shortages with emphasis on aircraft three was held in mid-May with the Deputy for Operations and the Deputy for Materiel. This resulted in the message exchange wherein Lockheed published certain significant shortages and their expected availability dates. Most critical of these, as you point out, is a government furnished navigation component estimated for 1 October 1968 delivery to Lockheed.

2. Subsequent discussion with the Deputy for Materiel indicates that he will meet through his channels with members of the responsible GFE supply agency and with Lockheed during the week of 3 June. It was decided 31 May to defer a further Headquarters meeting until after his meetings with the GFE people. This Headquarters meeting will establish the best approach toward implementing a periodic summary listing of significant production aircraft configuration shortages with estimated delivery dates. This list will be published by the Deputy for Materiel. A detailed list of all configuration shortages, as you know, is contained in the formal paperwork accompanying each production aircraft delivered for acceptance by the Detachment.

3. As you recall early this spring [redacted] worked with the Deputy for Materiel monitors in maintaining a six page twenty-five column work sheet record for informal configuration monitoring by this office. This format proved extremely cumbersome, time consuming, and too complex for publication purposes. In addition, this work was terminated with [redacted] reassignment on 8 April.

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